

FEDERAL CLERKS FOR PENSION PLAN

Few Vote in The Star Poll Against Establishment of System.

COUPONS MUST BE SENT IN BY TUESDAY NIGHT

Civil Service Employees Urge United Action to Obtain Relief When Congress Meets.

Do the civil service employees of the government desire the establishment of a retirement system for superannuated and disabled employees? If so, what kind of a system do they desire?

The Star, through the poll which it is conducting, offers an opportunity to all the employees to express their views on this important matter, there being a pretty definite understanding that the question of civil service retirement will come up before Congress at the next session.

The voting coupon is contained in today's Star and will be published tomorrow for the last time. All employees who have not voted should cut out the coupons without delay, answer the questions, and send the coupons to the civil service editor by Tuesday, June 1, at the latest.

Replies Show Interest.

One of the employees, sending his coupon to The Star yesterday, made the following comment:

"If the expressions of something like 300 employees with whom I am associated are to be taken as indicating anything, I am led to believe at least 75 per cent of the employees of the government are opposed to a pension."

The replies received by the civil service editor so far do not bear out this opinion. In fact, with hardly any exceptions, the employees have all expressed themselves in favor of a pension system, either straight or contributory. If the majority of the employees are opposed to the establishment of a pension system, the opponents have kept very quiet. One of the questions contained in the coupon, published by The Star specifically asks if the employee believes that a retirement system should be established. The majority of the employees are opposed to the establishment of such a system as are at liberty to vote "no."

Favors Straight Pension.

The employee who declared that he believed 75 per cent of the government workers are opposed to a pension system also had the following to say:

"A readjustment with a view to increasing salaries is very desirable. This would be the first thing for consideration, and this issue should not be complicated by any other. When this has been accomplished, the government should then consider the pension question. Congress thinks it is to the best interests of the government to pension its employees. It will do so. They have no right to say to any employee that he shall not have full control over his salary."

Taking the opposite view in regard to the kind of system which should be established, another employee has written as follows:

"As I understand it, the main reasons for a straight military pension are low pay in military and military hazard. This does not apply with equal force in the civil service. Besides, a contributory system, with adequate salaries, would help to teach thrift."

"Lastly, I do not believe any Congress will seriously consider a straight civil pension system."

Must Have United Action.

One employee declared that only by united action could the civil service employees hope to gain either an increase in salaries or a retirement system. He said:

"If the employees were more closely associated by organizations for the promotion of their interests and each other's welfare, socially and otherwise, the signal would soon be seen and heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific. One great obstacle here in the District is, the government employee does not give the subject the deep thought it deserves and requires. Many of them will realize that they are growing older and getting nothing ahead for old age, and it cannot very well be done on the present rates of pay if one is to provide for a family and educate the children. I know whereof I speak, for I have been compelled to omit all theaters, lodges and other entertainments, and do work outside of office hours in order to send my children to college. Most farmers have no trouble in doing this nowadays, and I may say the same for mechanics employed outside of Washington. Wages outside have advanced in ratio with the several advances made in the cost of living."

Why System Is Needed.

Declaring himself in favor of the contributory plan, another employee said in a letter:

"One, and to my mind the most important, reason for a retirement system is, that after a man or woman has given the best and most intelligent energies of a lifetime in the government service he is, in the majority of cases, receiving a salary that barely supplies the absolute necessities of life, and he is unable to make any provision for the future; in many cases had the same energies been directed in commerce, literature or some of the professions, or the arts and sciences, honor, distinction, possibly wealth, might have crowned his efforts."

You may inquire, why did they not go outside? In my forty years of service, for which I am grateful, I have seen many clerks with families in support (your humble servant among the number) who were unable to branch out when opportunities were offered, for the reason that the government is a good and sure paymaster and one felt sure of the necessities for the dependent ones."

Awaited Increases Long.

"The high prices of recent years, with salaries fixed by law, a law that has not been changed in many years—have forced upon the attention of all thinking people this truth, that the supply is not sufficient for the demand, and the appalling fact stares many in the face that soon the necessities may cease."

"When there were justly increased made in the salaries of the higher officials, the rank and file of the men and women standing by the guns, felt sure the increase would follow all along the line. They expected it with 2 per cent. Next followed the increase for the clerks, but when the members voted for the increase of the lower ranks, we said now will come the clerks. Did that follow? No."

JAMES W. PATTISON DEAD.

Painter, Author and Lecturer, and Fought in Civil War.

CHICAGO, May 29.—James William Pattison, painter, author and lecturer of Chicago, died at Asheville, N. C., today. His paintings have been widely exhibited.

He fought in the civil war, and twenty years ago was director of the school of fine arts at Jacksonville, Ill.

There is a tribe of Indians in Mexico and who cannot count above 100.

COAST GUARD CADETS TO TAKE LONG CRUISE

Cutter Itasca Arrives at New London, Conn., for Their Accommodation.

Other Vessels of Service at Ranges for Practice With Rapid-Fire Guns.

From the Arundel cove depot, where she had been given a thorough overhauling, the United States coast guard cutter Itasca arrived at New London, Conn., and is being made ready to take the cadets from the coast guard academy on their annual summer cruise of instruction. Capt. Frederick C. Billard, superintendent of the academy, has taken command of the Itasca, and next Saturday will sail with the cadets for a cruise of two months, during which she will visit Norfolk, San Juan, Culebra, Colon, Santiago, Guantanamo, then back to New York, Boston, Portland and other points along the New England coast. From June 5 to 10 the Itasca will cruise in the vicinity of Block Island to give the cadets an opportunity to get their sea legs and stomachs.

Aids Capsized Schooner.

In the past week the cutter Onondaga was called upon to aid in righting the capsized schooner John B. Manning, which had been towed in from out in the Atlantic, a derelict. The vessel had been lying bottom up in Hampton since she was towed in by the cutter, and had been delivered to her owners. Efforts previously had been made to right the vessel without success, and the Onondaga was called upon to assist. With the United States naval tug Mohawk from the Norfolk navy yard and four other tugboats also pulling on the over-topped vessel she was swung over. She will be taken to a shipyard for repairs.

A report received from the cutter Seneca tells of the picking up and towing in of the Bethel, Del. schooner William Thomas Moore, from the Grand Banks of Newfoundland to Halifax. The vessel had drifted 1,200 miles from where she had been abandoned by her crew, and when found by the Itasca was a sorry-looking wreck. Only the stump of her masts were standing and she was full of water to her deck level. For eight days and thirteen hours the Itasca tugged at the rolling hull, conveying it 665 miles to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where it now lies.

Practice With Rapid-Firers.

For target practice with either the six-pounder rapid-fire guns or with small arms the cutter Onondaga from the Norfolk station, the Pamlico on Pamlico sound, N. C., and the Yamacraw from Savannah are visiting the ranges on waters within their districts. The cutter Apache has completed for the present her gun drills and is at this port.

Bound on her annual cruise to the Arctic circle, near Point Barrow, Alaska, the cutter Bear left Unalakleet Monday last. Unless ice prevents her reaching the settlements she will spend about a month in the Arctic and will then return to southern Alaska for patrol work with the seal island guarding fleet. Many of the settlements which the Bear will visit never see a white man except on the annual visit of the coast survey ship.

The Treasury Department has received a set of resolutions from the Citizens' Association of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., praising the good work done by the officers and men of the

GERMANY SOUGHT PEACE WITH SLAVS

Russian Foreign Minister So Declares, Saying Such a Thing Is Impossible.

PREDICTS LONG WAR AND A HARD STRUGGLE

Sergius Sazanoff Says Conflict Will Go on Until Lasting Peace Is Assured.

MILAN, May 29.—Sergius Sazanoff, Russian foreign minister, interviewed by a correspondent of the Secolo, is quoted as saying it was true Austria and Germany attempted to conclude a separate peace with Russia, but that such a thing was impossible.

"All the allies are entirely in accord," M. Sazanoff continued. "Consequently the war will continue until it is possible to conclude a really lasting peace. It will be a long, hard war, as the enemy is still strong. Knowledge of his strength must make us stronger and more persevering in our efforts to reach a definite result."

Thinks Italy Acted Wisely.

M. Sazanoff expressed the opinion that Italy, in terminating her alliance with Germany and Austria, had acted wisely. He asserted Italy's principal reason for doing so was that she would be acquisition of the commercial influence in the Balkans previously possessed by Austria and Germany.

M. Sa argued that Italy cultivate good relations with the Slavs. The foreign minister declared that Russia had neither a moral nor a political interest in the Adriatic, and he said that with Venice, Pola, Avion and Otranto in the hands of Italy the Adriatic might become another closed sea.

Turks Must Not Have Key.

"We already have two closed seas—the Baltic and the Black sea," he said. "We do not want a third. If it were the Atlantic, then that would be different, but with the Adriatic we have nothing to do. The Black sea is a Russian sea. Russia cannot permit barbarian Turkey to possess the key to this sea. The commercial life of Russia already has suffered by the closing of the Dardanelles, which must end."

"Bulgaria and Rumania have nothing to fear because all would have equal commercial rights through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, which in the hands of Russia would guarantee order and safety of navigation."

Duke Ulrich Wounded in Battle.

STUTTGART, May 29.—News has been received here that Duke Ulrich of Wurttemberg has been slightly wounded while fighting on the eastern front.

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Medium-weight Lining Sateen, full 36 inches wide, with mercerized finish. Every wanted color, including black and white. Our regular 25c quality, for half day at 16c. 8th St. Annex—Linings.

One-Half Day Specials

Tomorrow (Decoration Day) We Close at One O'Clock

Crowding a Whole Day's Business Into That Space of Time

Every department manager comes forward with a supreme effort of value giving—and every item is a "BARGAIN MAGNET" that should draw economical shoppers here tomorrow.

Half-Day Specials

Our May Sale of Silk

Ends Tomorrow With This Wonderful Offering

36-in. Plain Colored Messalines

36-in. Plain Colored Taffetas

34-in. Genuine Imported Shantung Pongee

36-in. Striped Taffetas

36-in. Striped Messalines

36-in. Black Taffeta

All One Dollar SILKS 68c

Yard

They are all pure silk and absolutely perfect in weave and finish.

36-in. Water and Perspiration Proof Black Habutai

36-in. White Wash Habutai

32-in. Tub Silks

36-in. White Tub Silks

40-in. Plain Colored Chiffons

36-in. Black Messalines

142 Coat Suits, Values to \$25.00, **\$7.50**

98 Coat Suits, Values to \$40.00, **\$15.00**

Since 16 and 18; 34 to 45 in the lot. All alterations at cost. This will be the greatest half-day sale of Women's and Misses' RELIABLE, READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS ever held under our roof. Every conceivable style, material and color, including a number of distinctive one-of-a-kind models. Be here at opening hour and make your selections early to secure first choice.

\$1.50 Wash Skirts, 95c

White Wash Skirts, in a large variety of the very newest models; in all wanted wash materials; sizes up to 36 waist measurements. Regular \$1.50 values at **95c**

Lansburgh & Bro.—Second Floor—Suits.

Half-Day Specials

Deltex Grass Rugs

\$7.00 9x12-ft. Deltex Grass Rugs . . . **\$4.95**

Deltex Grass Rugs are absolutely the smoothest grass rugs made. A new fresh shipment has just been received: greens, blues, reds and browns; plain colors and striped borders.

8x10-ft. Deltex Grass Rugs **\$3.95**

6x9-ft. Deltex Grass Rugs **\$2.88**

Plenty of greens as well as the other wanted colors. Plain and bordered styles.

Smaller rugs to match the larger sizes at very special prices. Select yours tomorrow. These are extraordinary values.

Lansburgh & Bro.—Fourth Floor—Rugs.

Half-Day Specials

SILK GLOVES, 59c

\$1 Values 59c

Women's 16-button Heavy Close-woven Tricot Silk Gloves, with double-tipped fingers. Choice of black and white in all sizes. \$1.00 values. **59c**

Limit, 1 pair to a customer.

75c SILK GLOVES . . . **55c**

Women's 2-clasp Close-woven Silk Gloves; double-tipped fingers; choice of white with black embroidery or black with white embroidery. 75c values **55c**

Limit, 1 pair to a customer.

Main Floor—Gloves.

Half-Day Specials

50c Bungalow Aprons

At 36c

Bungalow Aprons, of figured percale and checked ginghams, with white pipings. Full cut, large size.

"Peggy" House Dresses **At \$1.00**

Jacket, Cap and Skirt to Match.

Peggy House Dresses, of plain chambray; jacket and cap finished with black and white piping. Sizes 36 to 48, and an extraordinary value at **\$1.00**

Third Floor—House Dresses.

Half-Day Specials

Colored Wash Goods

25c, 29c, 35c and 39c Qualities, 27, 36 and 40 Inches Wide **19c**

Included in this remarkable sale are the season's newest and most favored wash materials, such as Figured and Striped Voiles, Lace Voiles, Silk-stripe Voiles, Chiffon Voiles and French Crepes. White and colored grounds, in all up-to-date designs, colorings and combinations, with an abundance of the popular black and whites. Values to 39c. Choice at **19c**

18c Printed Irish Linen-finish Batiste **12½c**

A beautiful, fine, sheer mercerized cloth, 30 inches wide; white and tinted grounds, in a large assortment of beautiful floral and dot effects; all colors and combinations; plenty of black and whites. An excellent value at the regular price. Very special for half day **12½c**

8th St. Annex—Wash Goods.

Half-Day Specials

Boys' Wash Suits

The surplus stocks and sample lines of two leading New York makers. Bought by us at a mere fraction of their worth—enables us to offer the most wonderful Wash Suit values in our history. Every style, material and color. All sizes from 2½ to 10 years.

Boys' Wash Suits, Values Up to \$2.00, **At 98c**

Boys' Wash Suits, Values Up to \$4.00, **At \$1.48**

Supply the boys' needs for the entire season at these savings. For Half Day Only.

Extra Special **41c**

Choice of Heavy Grade Khaki Knickerbockers, well made, all sizes. (Regular 50c value. Special, pair **41c**)

Lansburgh & Bro.—Third Floor—Boys' Department.

Half-Day Specials

Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, 25c Quality 17c

3 for 50c

Ladies' All-silk Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Colors are white, blue, yellow, lavender, nile green. An extra special value.

10c Handkerchiefs, 5c

Ladies' All-linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched; embroidered initial in corner; fine sheer quality. 10c values. 5c at **5c**

Main Floor—Handkerchiefs.

Half-Day Specials

Sun or Rain Parasols

\$3.00 Values **\$2.25**

Sun or Rain Parasols or Umbrellas, 24 and 26 inch frames, covered with heavy quality rainproof silk. All wanted colors and black. Regular \$3.00 values for half day at **\$2.25**

Main Floor—Parasols.

Half-Day Specials

Panama Hats

Values to \$2.00, at **95c**

Others \$1.49, \$1.95 to \$5.00

A complete assortment of Adambo and Formosa Panamas; very fine, smooth quality, in all shapes, including many mannish models. An unusual variety from which you may select.

Second Floor—Millinery Department.

Half-Day Specials

Art Needlework

450 Importers' Samples

Values Up to \$5.00

At 35c to 98c Each

A special purchase of partly worked embroidery pieces with enough material to finish same. Included are scarfs, squares, table covers, centerpieces and pillow tops, all on best quality linen. Scrims and Hardinger cloth. Many designs that cannot be duplicated. Values to \$5.00. This is an opportunity not to be missed by any woman who appreciates hand-embroidered pieces.

8th St. Annex—Art Department.

Half-Day Specials

For Little Tots

Children's Dresses, \$1.00 Values, at **50c**

Children's Dresses, of ginghams and percale, in plain colors and checked round and V neck. Sizes 2, 3, 4. Regular \$1.00 values. Special at **50c**

Children's 39c Muslin Gowns **29c**

Children's Muslin Gowns, in V neck and slip-over style, finished with neat embroidery edges. Sizes 4 to 14. Regular 39c values. Special at **29c**

Third Floor—Infants.

Half-Day Specials

Women's Silk Waists, \$3.00 Values, at \$1.98

Women's Blouses of fine quality crepe de chine and Jap silk; hand embroidered in floral and eyelet effects; also tucked and shirt models. These come in all sizes, and values up to \$1.98 \$2.00. Your choice tomorrow **\$1.98**

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, \$4.00 Values, at \$2.98

Blouses in crepe de chine, Georgette crepe, also the finest quality voile, in a large assortment of the newest models. Lace and embroidery trimmed and tailored effects.

Lansburgh & Bro.—Second Floor—Waists.

Half-Day Specials

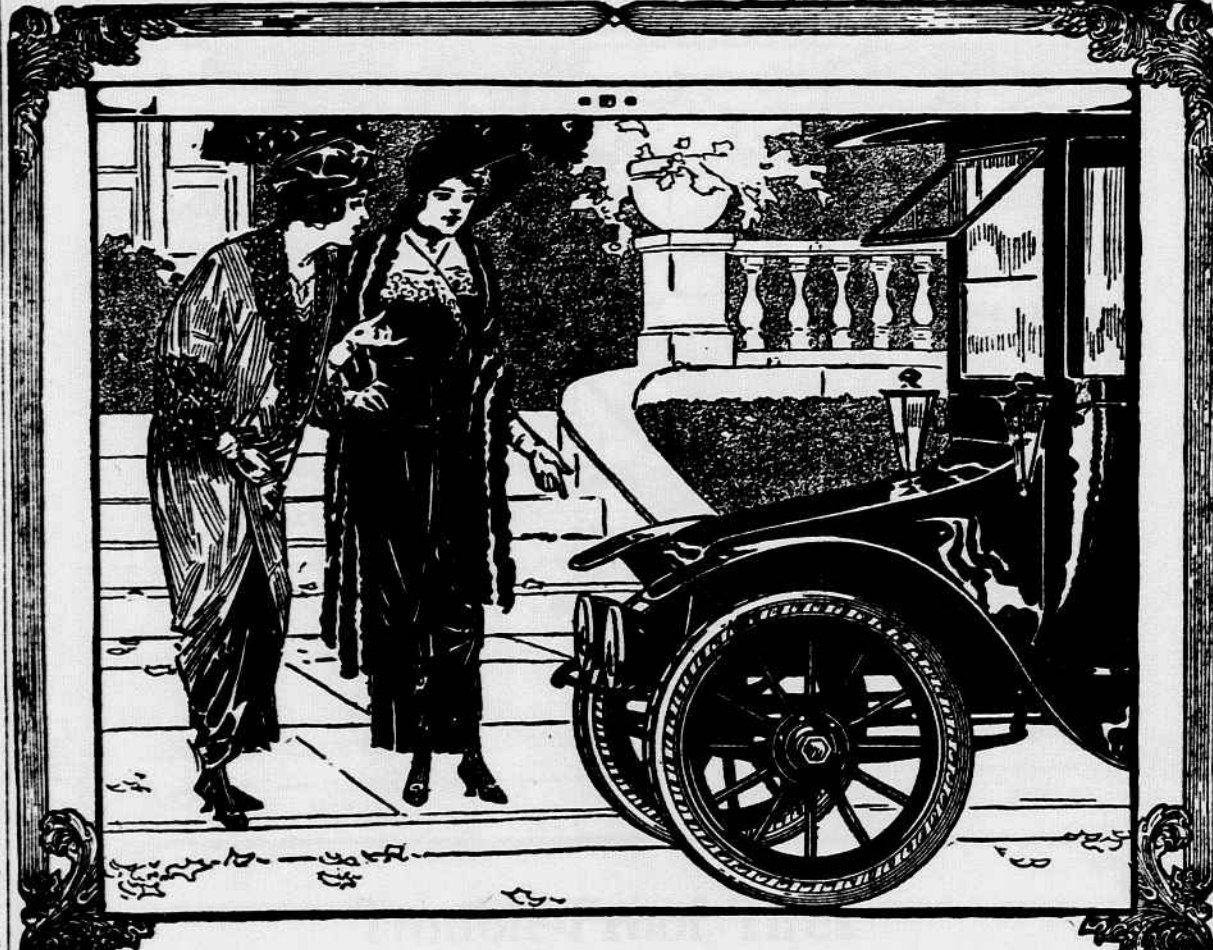
56-inch \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shepherd Checks . 69c

An extraordinary bargain that should send you scurrying here at the earliest possible moment. This item is not to be repeated, hence you must buy your requirements call for between 8:30 and 1 o'clock. Now note the extra width, full 56 inches, then calculate for how many you can buy a skirt or suit length. These come in Black and White and Sand and White. No restrictions other than you must buy tomorrow. In order to participate in this great bargain. \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, yard, 69c.

\$1.00 All-wool BLACK SERGE 72c

50-inch All-wool Black Serge; double warp, closely woven and very firm; will not sag or stretch out of shape. Beautiful crows black, and regular \$1.00 quality at 72c.

8th St. Annex—Dress Goods.



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